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MIRACLES AND HARVEST

Dear Partners and Friends,

A couple of months ago I wrote to you about the “Glory and the Latter Rain” and pointed out from the scriptures that in the last days, there will be an increase in the miraculous and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost on the Earth. I think that many people don’t realize that it was the miraculous that opened the door to the harvest 2000 years ago in the early church and still is relevant for today. We live in a sight and sound generation where people are attracted to the spectacular. Now don’t get me wrong, I know the Word of God is as supernatural as you can get, but people are simply drawn to the spectacular. In other words, something that will arrest their attention. This is where miracles, signs and wonders come into play.

What I would like for you to see is the impact that miracles, signs and wonders have in reaping the harvest of souls. I am going to walk with you through the book of Acts and I want you to notice the fruit that comes forth as a result of the demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. I’m trusting the Lord to stir faith in your heart this month to begin to expect to see more of God show up through your bold testimony of Him.

Now let’s first begin by looking at the ministry of Jesus...

“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.”

John 4:46-53

Even Jesus pointed out that the unbelievers are looking for the spectacular, “*except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.*” Thank God, this father did exercise faith by acting on the word of the Lord – “*Go thy way; thy son liveth.*” Notice the impact of his son’s miraculous

escape from death and being supernaturally raised up, that this had upon the family – “*himself believed, and his whole house.*” Simply because the boy was healed!

I am often reminded of a family in the Czech Republic that I led to the Lord as a direct result of their father being healed. It happened in a little town called Opava, one afternoon. I was outside in the town square ministering and praying for the sick when a man whom I had prayed for earlier that day came to me and said, “You prayed for my back today and it is completely healed. Would you be so kind to come to my home and pray for my mother who is sick and laid up in bed?” I remember driving to this man’s house out in the country. As I entered the bedroom, there was this man’s mother sick in bed. For the time being, I’ll refer to her as “grandma.” In the room stood granddad, mom and dad (who’s back was healed), my interpreter and I. Grandma looked a little surprised to see strangers in her room but nevertheless welcomed prayer of any kind. After I had ministered to her and prayed, she sat up in bed and immediately looked much better. As I was standing there, I realized what an opportunity the Lord had given me to reach out to this family. Before I left that night, I shared about receiving Christ. Grandma and granddad as well as mom and dad prayed the sinner’s prayer. Just when I thought our work was over, the parents said, “Our children need to hear this message. We’ve just put them to bed a little while ago, so wait here and we’ll go get them.” Within minutes standing in front of me in the living room are 2 little girls in their pajamas approximately between the ages of 9-12. As I began to share with them about Jesus and receiving Him into their heart, suddenly both of the girls dropped to their knees and with uplifted hands said to me, “Okay, we’re ready.” To be quite honest, I was surprised at the openness and readiness of these two children. What a day to remember – the whole household was saved all because of one man that I prayed for in town who God miraculously healed.

In **John chapter 11**, we see Jesus has just been to the tomb where Lazarus had been laying for four days. Upon giving the command, “*Lazarus, come forth*” we then read in verse 44 what transpired. “*And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, loose him, and let him go.*”

Notice the harvest of souls due to this one notable miracle – “*Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.*” (**John 11:45**)

Interesting enough that as we walk through the book of Acts, the pattern does not change. There is a connection between miracles and harvest. Let’s take a look...

ONE MIRACLE – THOUSANDS SAVED

We’ll begin in **Acts chapter 3**:

“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have

give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and anklebones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he, which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him... And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?...Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.”

Acts 3:1-10, 12,19; 4:4

One man was miraculously healed, and the number of believers suddenly jumped up to around 5000! Can you see the impact that just one miracle can have upon an individual and a city!

I remember one afternoon I went out to hold a street meeting. At the time I was living in the Czech Republic. As was my custom, I simply lifted up my voice and began to announce that, “Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.” I went on to declare that, “we are here today to demonstrate there is a God who is alive and in love with you. We are here to minister and be that extension of God’s love. We want to pray for you. Let’s find out if what we’re saying is true! Who will be first?”

As the crowd began to form, the people gathered in a big circle around me just to watch when suddenly the crowd parted and out rolled this lady in a wheelchair. She told me she was in town to do some shopping but saw the crowd so decided to come and see. When she heard me give the invitation, she was the first to come forward for prayer. This woman had been in a car accident some nine years earlier when a car drove over her lower leg, foot and ankle. She had many operations and medication to try and help recover from this tragedy, but all to no avail. She had been accustomed to getting around with the aid of two crutches for all this time until last year the pain became so severe that she was forced to use a wheelchair.

I must admit, the thought did go through my mind, “Why did this lady have to be the first one to come forward. Doesn’t anyone have a headache or something minor for me to pray for?” But then I remembered that I’m not the healer; this is not my ministry; I am working together with the Lord. So therefore all the weight is off my shoulders and over onto the Lord’s. Thank God He is BIG enough to carry it all! (I Peter 5:7)

After I ministered to her in the name of Jesus, she began to walk freely with no hesitation. This woman as well as the crowd was blown away with amazement. As I continued to minister that afternoon, this woman stood there on her own without the use of crutches or a wheelchair and watched as God continued to confirm his Word with signs following.

Do you know this notable miracle kept the crowd’s attention all afternoon and when I gave the invitation to accept Christ, many were saved as well as this woman who had been healed. To God be all the Glory!

MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS – MULTITUDES ADDED TO THE KINGDOM

Let's look at **Acts chapter 5**.

“And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed everyone.”

Acts 5:12,14-16

Once again we see many signs and wonders wrought among the people, instantaneous healings, and the end result: “*believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes...*”

THE HARVEST IN JERUSALEM

In **Acts chapter 6**, even the priests were getting saved when they saw Stephen doing great wonders and miracles among the people.

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”

Acts 6:7,8

This reminds me of the time I was holding a 3-day crusade in Switzerland. My days were open with meetings only at night. The host pastor asked me one afternoon to visit the local Catholic priest and invite him to our evening services. While I was there, I asked if he would be interested in me coming to his church one day and holding a healing service. Before we left, the priest wanted prayer for his aches and pains. God healed him instantly and right there he invited me to come and minister in his church. What a glorious time it was! The Lord confirmed His word with signs following and the whole church including the priest lifted their hands to receive Christ into their lives!

THE HARVEST IN SAMARIA

In **Acts chapter 8**, we see the church under persecution; nevertheless this did not hinder the Gospel from being preached, but rather extended the Gospel to new regions.

“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles, which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in

that city...But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

Acts 8:4-8,12

The people listened to what Philip had to say when they saw the miracles he was doing. As a result of the demonstration of God's power, the crowd was drawn to the message, which eventually led them to Christ, “*they were baptized, both men and women.*”

THE HARVEST IN LYDDA AND SARON

Now look with me at the IMPACT that one miracle can have upon an entire city. It's found in **Acts chapter 9**.

“And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints, which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.”

Acts 9:32-35

Imagine that everyone in these two cities turning to the Lord because of one miracle!

THE HARVEST IN JOPPA

“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms (deeds which she did.) And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.”

Acts 9:36-42

The pattern throughout the book of Acts is the same: people healed resulted in people saved.

THE HARVEST IN ANTIOCH

*“Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the **hand of the Lord** was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”*

Acts 11:20-21

In case you were wondering what the “hand of the Lord” is, it simply is a manifestation of the power of God. We’ll see this truth brought out in Acts chapter 13. So what happened as a result of a demonstration of God’s power? “A great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”

THE DEPUTY SAVED ON THE ISLE OF PAPHOS

*“And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar Jesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, **when he saw what was done, believed**, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.”*

Acts 13:5-12

We see the “hand of the Lord” referred to once again in this passage of scripture. Notice how it was referring to a manifestation of the power of God, for when it happened, the sorcerer Elymas was unable to see for a season. This shocked the deputy so much when he saw the power of the Gospel that he believed and was saved.

THE HARVEST AT ICONIUM

*“And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a **great multitude** both of the Jews and also of the Greeks **believed**...Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted **signs and wonders to be done** by their hands.”*

Acts 14:1,3

In every case, where signs, wonders, miracles and manifestations of God took place, it always resulted in a harvest of souls.

THE HARVEST IN TROAS

“And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.”

Acts 16:16-34

Once again we see a demonstration of God's miracle working power. Friend this is not any ordinary earthquake. It was the Holy Ghost who unlocked all the prison doors and every chain. This was the fruit of Paul and Silas ministering to the Lord while going through a hard place instead of complaining. *“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God.”*

Let me ask you a question. Has God changed? Have miracles been done away with? Is Jesus still a miracle working God? The answer is obvious my friend. If Jesus ever had the compassion and ability to heal, deliver, and set free yesterday, then He has the same compassion and ability to heal, deliver and set people free today. He truly is a miracle working God who has never changed. (**Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8**)

As the body of Christ, let's believe God for a greater boldness to give a more powerful witness that Jesus is alive today. Pray for the sick and the oppressed, and watch God heal and deliver through you! There is a harvest to be reaped. Let's be about the Father's business!

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